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HIS KNIFE SHARPENED.

The Attitude of Cleveland in the New York Senatorship Fight

HAS AROUSED SENATOR HILL

But in Spite of All the Affronts Put Upon Him

WILL ONLY GUN FOR MUGWUMPS

Who May Be Appointed By His Enemy Cleveland--His Friends Say He Will Fight Any Nomination of That Character in the Senate To-day and Nail-In Other Matters It is Said He Will Support the Administration. The Senatorial Contest in New York Takes on a New Phase--Bourke Cockran May Be Decided on as a Peace Candidate--Hill is Hot for Murphy.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 29.—The Star has this concerning the probable attitude of Senator Hill toward the next administration:

"The open fight between the Hill and Cleveland people over the New York senatorship brings in close review the interesting question of what the relations between Cleveland and the New York senators will be during the next administration.

"There is no doubt concerning Mr. Hill's sentiments about the appearance of Mr. Cleveland in the senatorial fight in New York. There is no talk of the placation of Mr. Hill. Whomsoever else Cleveland may please, Hill will be counted out. Hill's influence in the senate is very much greater than is generally believed, though it may not be strong enough for a contention with the administration. In a measure Hill has taken the place of Gorman in the senate. All the friends that Gorman lost in Chicago Hill gained, and this gives him sufficient power in the senate to make himself quite disagreeable to the administration if he desires to do so. The assumption, however, that he is going to put on a coat of war paint and carry a bowie knife in each boot and a brace of six-shooters in view does not give sufficient credit to his discretion and skill as a political wire-puller.

Notwithstanding the bitterness of feeling which is provoked by the New York senatorial fight it may be depended upon that Mr. Hill will not appear in the senate in the attitude of an open opponent of the administration. There is good reason for believing that Mr. Hill will not only decline to pose as the leader of an opposition, but in spite of all the affronts he feels have been put on him he will support the administration in most matters. Where trouble is looked for by those who are skimming over the surface is with relation to the confirmations. There is a notion of some people that Hill will make a fight at every opportunity. They are probably mistaken. Men who are pretty familiar with the situation who know Hill very well believe that he will follow no such line of policy, but will approve everything and every person passing his test of Democracy. It is believed that the only thing that Hill has in view is to stand on guard to prevent the preferment of Mugwumps. His test of party qualifications will not be personal support for himself. But he hates a Mugwump and every Democrat in public life believes that the first Mugwump who is nominated for any important office will be fought tooth and nail by him, and that he will have the secret assistance of a good many men who will not dare to make an open fight."

Bourke Cockran left Washington this morning for New York. It is generally believed that he is going to enter for the senatorship against Murphy. Some of the Cleveland people have for some days been trying to induce Mr. Cockran to permit the use of his name and it is believed that it had been arranged for him to enter the fight before Mr. Cleveland came out in the interview opposing Mr. Murphy.

COCKRAN FOR SENATOR.

He Would Be Acceptable to Cleveland and Ought to Suit Temman.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—The World says that a conference was held on the senatorial question between President-elect Cleveland, ex-Mayor Wm. R. Grace and Senator Charles P. McClelland, in Mr. Cleveland's law office. It is understood that the names of two men were discussed at this conference, either of whom would be acceptable to Mr. Cleveland. They were Congressman W. Bourke Cockran and Frederick R. Coudert. After his talk with Mr. Cleveland Senator McClelland said: "I am not at liberty to tell you what passed between the President-elect and myself. I think I can safely say, however, that Murphy will be opposed in the caucus. I have no doubt that the nomination of Mr. Cockran would be agreeable to Mr. Cleveland. Since the election Mr. Cockran has been on the warmest terms of friendship with the President-elect. He is in perfect touch with him on the tariff, silver and other vital public questions, and would make a most admirable United States senator.

Among those who seemed most pleased with the idea that Mr. Cockran be sent to the senate was E. Ellery Anderson, who until recently has been regarded as opposed to Mr. Cockran. "I think," said Mr. Anderson, "that Mr. Cockran would make an admirable United States senator. While my personal preference naturally would be for Mr. Coudert, I yield to none in my admiration for Mr. Cockran's ability." Richard Croker did not object to being quoted, because, he said, "the people already know what I think of Mr. Murphy. I cannot say too much in favor of Mr. Murphy, and I cannot speak too highly of him. I have a great regard for him."

"He is, so far as I know."

Senator Hill, Governor Flower and Edward Murphy refuse to have anything to say on the subject.

Considering Murphy's Chances
ALBANY, Dec. 29.—Senator D. B. Hill, Richard Croker, Lieutenant Governor Sheehan and Edward Murphy, Jr., held a three hours' conference at the Ken-

more Hotel this afternoon. It was strictly secret, and when the gentlemen learned that the reporters were cognizant of the meeting the assemblage adjourned, but it is believed only to meet later.

The subject under discussion was Mr. Murphy's chances for the senatorship, and it is reported that if it is foreseen within the next few days that the chairman's candidacy is too strongly opposed another man friendly to Hill and antagonistic to President-elect Cleveland will be selected for United States senator.

PROMINENT POLITICIANS

Gather in New York--Murphy's Chances Extra Session of Congress.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—There were a number of prominent politicians in town to-day. Besides Speaker Crisp, and Congressman Owen Scott, of Illinois, who arrived yesterday, there was Senator Gorman, of Maryland, ex-Speaker Reed, Senator Chandler and Senator Harris.

The two topics for conversation was the New York senatorship and the proposed extra session of Congress.

The general impression prevailed that notwithstanding Mr. Cleveland's avowed hostility to Mr. Murphy, that the latter would be the candidate of the organized Democracy when the legislature meets to elect a successor to Mr. Hiscok.

Regarding the extra session of Congress, it was current at the hotels frequented by Washington politicians that in all likelihood Mr. Cleveland would call one for September.

EXTENSION OF CIVIL SERVICE

May Only Be Made to Include Employees of the Postoffice Department.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 29.—A gentleman who has talked with the President on the subject says the people who are expecting a large increase in the classified civil service before the administration changes will be very

gaily disappointed. He said that the President is strongly inclined to extend the civil service rules in connection with the postoffice department, but that he has practically abandoned the purpose of any general extension, such as the inclusion of employees of the government printing office, or the customs service.

All employees now outside the protecting lines of the civil service regulations are using every endeavor to have themselves entrenched against Democratic interference, but so far without success. There is a snag in the way of extension of the civil service classification to the government printing office. It is understood to be the desire of the President and of the civil service commission that the office should be brought within the civil service classification, but there is trouble before them in the form of opposition by the Typographical Union. The objection to the extension of the service is raised that if appointments are made upon any form of examination which does not recognize membership of the union as a necessary qualification it will result in what the union would call "raids" getting into government employ. The government is hardly prepared to declare that none but union men shall be qualified for employment, and the union will certainly object to any employment within that class of persons not belonging to the union.

SENATE "STEERING COMMITTEE."

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 29.—The Republican senate caucus will not appoint a new "steering committee." The present committee, composed of Senators Hoar, McMillin, Chandler, Teller and Mitchell, will be continued in force and will conduct all the business that would come within the province of a steering committee. The committee has not been over-burdened with work during the holiday recess. But two members have been at the capital, Senators Chandler and Mitchell. The former is now in New York, and while in Washington is devoting his best efforts to the subject of immigration and quarantine matters, so that what is done falls to the lot of Mr. Mitchell.

FIRST TIME IN MANY YEARS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 29.—Representative Cable has just returned from Illinois. He says the Democrats there feel very happy over the fact that they are about to organize the house of the state legislature for the first time in many years. Speaking of the possibility of a cabinet officer being appointed from Illinois, he said that if any one was appointed it would be Mr. Morrison, and that there was a very strong sentiment throughout the state in favor of his appointment.

THE MONEY MARKET.

The President Refuses to Allow the Issue of New Bonds.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—The Times states that Secretary of the Treasury Foster's trip to this city was not on private business, as was given out officially, but was for the purpose of consulting Wall street magnates on the proposition to relieve the money market and check the export of gold by having the government issue from \$50,000,000 to \$100,000,000 of bonds.

The Wall street men were in favor of the scheme, and the speculative contingent were in high feathers. The President's co-operation had been counted on as sure, but this confidence was suddenly discovered to be delusive.

According to Wall street reports Secretary Foster before he suddenly left town to go west is credited with having received a dispatch from Washington couched in pretty stiff language, and running substantially as follows:

"I want no new bonds issued under my administration. Take no steps. Do nothing."

(Signed) "B. HARRISON."

The Times says that Mr. Foster met the Wall street men at a club house on Fifth avenue. Some of the most notable men in the street are said to have been present, and an agreement was formed on the financial policy of the government.

The action of President Harrison upset their plans entirely, and there is now no prospect of an issue of bonds to stop the stringency in the money market.

YELLOW FEVER.

CARACAS, VENEZUELA, Dec. 29.—Yellow fever has become almost epidemic in Lagunayra. The mortality in Caracas continues to increase and in smaller towns down the Fuy valley it is spreading in every direction.

ROBBED BY A MASKED MAN.

The Postmaster at Sheridan, W. Va., Compelled to Give Up Over \$100.

HUNTINGTON, W. VA., Dec. 29.—Word reached here to-day of an outrage that occurred at Sheridan, about 25 miles south of here, Monday night. A masked man went into the sleeping room of Geo. W. Deerfield about midnight,

placed a revolver at his head and compelled him to give up over one hundred dollars in cash.

Deerfield had been sick for some time and was incapable of making any resistance. He gave an alarm but before his wife reached the scene the masked robber snatched the money, threw the pocket book down in the room and made his escape.

Mr. Deerfield is postmaster, but the postoffice money was in another room and was not taken. It is said that there were two of the bandits, one of whom guarded the entrance to the building.

Mr. Deerfield had changed a large bill for a friend that day, and it is supposed that the robbers were near by at the time.

HUNTINGTON TRAIN ROBBERY.

The Jury in the Case of Forgy Can't Agree on Verdict.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE INTELLIGENCER.

HUNTINGTON, W. VA., Dec. 29.—The jury in the Forgy train robbery case went out about four o'clock and at 5:15 reported that they could not agree.

The judge put them in the charge of the sheriff for the night with orders to return to their duties in the case tomorrow.

GOLDEN WEDDING.

Editor Allison, of the Ohio Press, Celebrates the Fiftieth Anniversary of His Marriage.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE INTELLIGENCER.

STUBENVILLE, O., Dec. 29.—W. R. Allison, the veteran editor of the Ohio Press, and wife were tendered a reception to-night at their home on Franklin avenue by friends, in honor of the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage,

which took place in Cadiz in 1842. Among other presents was a purse containing fifty dollars in gold. Mr. Allison has edited and managed the Cadiz Republican, Steubenville Herald, St. Louis Dispatch and Ohio Press. He started the daily Herald of this city in 1847 running on the Ramage press, once in the office of the Philadelphia Anvora owned by General Duane during the war of 1812.

Mrs. Allison was the daughter of the late Regis Welch, Esq., of Cadiz. Mr. Allison and family have occupied a prominent position in society for years. Mr. Allison has the honor of bringing out and nominating Hon. John A. Bingham for congress.

STENOVILLE SOCIETY EVENT.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE INTELLIGENCER.

STUBENVILLE, O., Dec. 29.—The Stenoville club entertained the young ladies an elegant reception in Falks hall to-night. About fifty couples were present, quite a number being from Pittsburgh, Wheeling and other places.

NO DECISION IN THE BRIGGS' CASE YET.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—The New York Presbytery met again to-day in secret session and continued the discussion of the charges against Dr. Briggs. At 5 o'clock the session was concluded.

Moderator Bliss said the voting had not been reached and the discussion might extend over Friday.

He thought it possible no conclusion could be reached before Saturday. All the members are pledged to secrecy and nothing can be learned. One minister announced that he would move that a synopsis of the proceedings be given to the press to-morrow.

IRON HALL OFFICERS ARRESTED.

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 29.—Amos H. Hooser and Edward W. Rouz, grand officers of the Iron Hall recently indicted by the grand jury of Indianapolis, were placed under arrest to-day. They were temporarily confined in Marshal Frey's office pending an effort on the part of their attorneys to secure writs of habeas corpus.

WIRE WAIFS.

The Marshalltown, Iowa, high school burned yesterday. Loss \$50,000.

Mrs. Grover Cleveland has left New York to pay a visit to her mother at Buffalo.

C. H. Royal was yesterday appointed lieutenant-governor of the northwest territories.

Peter Sutter, a retired Iowa farmer, murdered his wife yesterday. He is believed to be insane.

Mrs. Lillie Langtry is reported to be worse, and she is now in imminent danger of a fatal result of her illness.

The condition of Mayor Gourley, of Pittsburgh, has greatly improved within the past twenty-four hours, and the physicians are very hopeful of his recovery.

The Hamburger Nachrichten denies the statement in a Milwaukee newspaper to the effect that Prince Bismarck has an interest in a Milwaukee street railway company.

A cable message was received at the state department yesterday from Consul Estee, at Hamburg, saying: "In the city are seven cases of cholera, of which one died. None in port."

Reed and Craig's paper warehouse and A. E. Dupont's wholesale biscuit and confectionary establishment, at Quebec, Canada, were destroyed by fire yesterday. Loss estimated at \$100,000.

There are indications that the three round sparring exhibition between Dominick McCaffrey and Mike Donovan at the Madison Square Garden December 17, will result in a meeting between those two well known boxing instructors.

The Algeria coal and coke mines in McDowell county, W. Va., are on fire. The mines are extensive and located three miles from Elkhorn. Two hundred men are employed, but it is not known whether any of them perished by the fire.

The failure of Wayland Trask & Co., of 181 Wall street, was announced at the New York Stock Exchange yesterday afternoon. The firm consisted of Wayland Trask, Theodore Baldwin and A. N. Rankin. The failure was due to the private speculations of Baldwin, who lost \$150,000 of the firm's money.

THE BELATED STEAMER.

No Tidings of the Overdue Cunard Liner Umbria

SINCE SIGHTED ON CHRISTMAS.

She Exchanged Signals With the Ship That Hailed Her, But Displayed No Signs of Distress--Much Anxiety for Her Safety--Her Agents Confident She is All Right--Some Fear She May Have Collided With a Derelict.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—The steamer Gallileo from Hull, which arrived this morning reports that about December 25, in latitude 42.82, longitude 58.05, she passed and signalled the Umbria. She exchanged signals with the Gallileo, but did not show any signals for assistance.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—The anxiety for the safety of the Cunard line steamer Umbria increases day by day, and those who have relatives or friends on board of her personally visit the offices of the company or else ask by telegraph for information regarding her. Of course the company have no information to give beyond that contained in the newspapers, but the officials give reassuring replies, having perfect confidence in the sea worthiness of the steamer, and the seamanship of Capt. McKay, her commander, but the long delay in the arrival of the Umbria causes apprehension that cannot be allayed by conjectural statements. A disarrangement of the machinery, a broken shaft or a lost propeller would be sufficient reason for the delay. The sail area of the Umbria is very small and progress under canvass would necessarily be slow. It would be much slower if a dragging screw had to be hauled through the water. With her long free-board, the vessel would be bound to make more or less leeway, and with the northwest winds prevailing at this time of the year, her drift would be to the southward and out of the line routes of trans-Atlantic travel. That the steamer could be handled under canvass is not questioned but the fears for her safety are based on other reasons. There are several derelicts afloat in the north Atlantic routes, and one or two have been reported by incoming vessels as being dangerous obstructions to navigation. By seafaring men who know the dangers presented by this class of wreck, almost the first thought is, when a steamer is long overdue, that she has struck a derelict just a wash. To collide with such an obstacle is like striking a rock and the consequences of such a mishap are more than likely to prove serious to the vessel that runs into them.

The underwriters at Lloyd's look upon the Umbria as an extra hazardous risk. Yesterday reinsurance was effected upon her at the rate of twelve guineas premium, which is rather a high rate, but this morning twenty guineas were demanded. Some reinsurance was effected at this latter rate and this in itself is a good indication of the anxiety felt in business circles. As the day advanced and no intelligence of the Umbria was received, the underwriters advanced their rate to twenty-five guineas.

In an interview to-day Mr. Paton, the London manager of the Inman line, declared that he did not feel the least anxiety for the safety of the Umbria, adding that he would not feel worried if he had half a dozen friends aboard of her, and she was out a week longer. He said there was no doubt that her engines had broken down, and that some of her steamers had her in tow. The chances of her being spoken had been lessened by the withdrawal of steamers of the Inman, Guion and North German Lloyd lines from the trans-Atlantic route.

The manager of the Cunard line expressed views similar to those of Mr. Paton and said he felt no fears whatever for the vessel.

The last pilot chart by the North Atlantic, issued by the hydrographic office shows few derelicts in the regular route of the Umbria. Westward of the point at which the steamer was spoken by the Moravia, three such obstacles are plotted on the chart. With the prevailing winds and currents these derelicts would drift to the northward. By far the greater number of derelicts are known to be between Bermuda and the Azores.

A FALSE RUMOR.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 29.—A rumor was in circulation here to-night that the disabled steamer Umbria had reached Barrington in a sinking condition, but inquiry of the New York agent there shows that the story was false. Nothing has been seen of the steamer there. The ship has not been sighted anywhere off the Nova Scotia coast, every part of which has been communicated with from Yarmouth to Canoe. The value of the Umbria and her cargo is roughly estimated at \$1,500,000, two-thirds of which is insured in London and the remainder in Liverpool.

HOMESTEAD POISONING CASE.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 29.—Coroner McDowell has another Homestead poisoning case on his list for investigation. The last case is that of a colored man named John Liggins, forty-four years old, who worked at Homestead during August, September and October, when he became sick and died in one of the city hospitals on November 24 from exhaustion and collapse, having wasted away from a stout, hearty man to a mere skeleton. The case was reported by some friends of the dead man and the coroner will investigate it to-morrow.

FAMOUS MINSTREL DEAD.

TOLDO, O., Dec. 29.—Bob Slavin, the famous minstrel, died very suddenly at the Merchants' Hotel, this city, last night, being found dead in his bed this morning. He was with Crawford Brothers minstrels who appeared here Monday night. Slavin left the company here and has been on a drinking bout ever since.

ANOTHER AMERICAN GIRL CAPTURED.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—The engagement of the Earl of Craven to a daughter of Mr. Bradley Martin, of New York, is announced this morning. The earl was born on December 16, 1893, and succeeded his father on December 7, 1893.

SULLIVAN'S SPEECH

Before the Footlights--He Has No Idea of Fighting Corbett.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—An enthusiastic audience, which filled the Windsor theatre, where John L. Sullivan is playing, were treated to a stirring speech by the ex-champion which lasted for fully five minutes.

The conquered champion said, among other things, that he had not the remotest idea of fighting Corbett again. He stated with trembling voice and moistened eyes that his day had come at last, and that he was no longer young or energetic enough to battle against youth and strength. "Corbett," he said, "whipped me fairly and honestly, but when I fought him I was already a wreck of old age and reckless living." (Loud cheers and cries, "John, you could yet whip him with proper training.")

"I am making a comfortable living in the theatrical profession," he continued, "and I am perfectly satisfied without whipping other people."

Sullivan also said that the allegation he made against his backers was based on sound facts, but he did not make any personal attacks on their characters, nor did he mention their names. As far as the reports are concerned that he was crazy he said that they were all bosh, as his personal appearance and speech could prove.

BARGE-McAULIFFE FIGHT.

BOSTON, MASS., Dec. 29.—The English pugilist, Dick Burge, called upon Captain A. W. Cooke today and inquired if there was any chance of the Crescent club giving a purse for a fight with McAuliffe.

An answer was received from President Noel to-day to the effect that the matter would be considered, and that McAuliffe had been telegraphed to, but that the club would not give \$45,000. Burge is now anxious to fight McAuliffe and will guarantee \$10,000 forfeit or more if necessary.

DAILY WHIPS McCARTHY.

BUFFALO, Dec. 29.—Jim Daly, James J. Corbett's ex-sparring partner, polished off Tom McCarthy, of Olean, New York, in twenty-eight rounds, at the Buffalo Athletic Club to-night, but only after the best heavy weight battle ever seen in or about the city. The men fought for a purse of \$2,000 and a side bet of \$1,000. Over 700 spectators saw the contest and went away well satisfied.

Daly fairly outgeneraled his opponent and gave unmistakable evidence that he was the better man at the game of fistfights. His cleverness brought him victory, for his condition was several degrees below that of McCarthy. The loser's end of the purse was \$250.

THE DATE CHANGED.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—It is announced that the date of the Fitzsimmons-Hall battle, which occurs before the Crescent City Athletic Club of New Orleans, has been changed. The reason of this was on account of the southern elections, which take place about April 5, the original date on which the fight was scheduled to take place. The club has therefore, in fear of having small attendance at the contest, changed the date on which the meeting is to occur to March 8.

ANOTHER "ATHLETIC" CLUB.

CONY ISLAND, Dec. 29.—It is reported on good authority that a wealthy syndicate of sporting men are about to start an athletic club in the immediate vicinity of New York, which will be a rival of the Coney Island, Crescent City and Olympic Athletic Clubs, and is organized for the purpose of fostering and encouraging legitimate sports, especially pugilism. It is also stated that the club will endeavor to get the McAuliffe-Burge match and will pay a high price for it. From what can be learned the club will offer a purse for the contest to-day.

A FIENDISH DEED.

A LADY OPERATOR MURDERED, and the House Fled to Conceal the Crime.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—This morning the railway station at Brighton, five miles from here, on the Sacramento & Placerville road, was totally destroyed by fire. In the ruins was found the body of Miss A. E. Ayres, the telegraph operator, who made her home in the building. She was reputed to have considerable money, and the supposition is that three tramps who were loitering about the station yesterday committed the deed for the purpose of robbery and afterwards burned the building to conceal their crime. Miss Ayres' skull was found in pieces near the body. A heavy iron poker used in the depot waiting room was picked up near the remains.

RUSSIAN JEWS PERSECUTED

By the Czar's Officials--Six New Edicts Issued Against Them.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—The latest advices from St. Petersburg and other parts of Russia show that the persecution of the Jews and the inhumanity of the Czar's officials toward that unhappy race are greater than ever before. Six edicts have been issued, aiming to disperse the Jewish subjects of Russia, weaken their position and trading centres and crush out their religion. These edicts are enforced with the utmost rigor in many parts of the empire and with severity everywhere.

The Moscow papers boast that since the beginning of 1891 twenty thousand Jews have been converted to orthodoxy. The unhappy converts who have been driven to a pretended denial of their religious faith in order to escape intolerable persecution have been deported to the district of Tcherkeskovo, about five miles from Moscow. There they are rigorously covered by priests of the Russian orthodox church, who require them to attend the services of that church and to comply with its various rules, watching narrowly for any sign of evasion or repentance.

FOUND MURDERED.

CAIRO, EGYPT, Dec. 29.—Annie Clark, colored, was found in an unused stable near Union depot this morning with her head nearly severed from the body. It is supposed she was enticed there by some one who, after assaulting her, killed her. Several negro men who were seen with her during yesterday and last evening are being held to await developments.

WAS HE CROOKED?

Recollections of His Testimony Before the Committee.

SENATOR FRYE'S IMPRESSIONS

Of the Count De Lesseps' Statements. He Says That His Report of the Progress Made Was Not Correct--Members of the Committee Who Believed That He Purposely Mised Them in Regard to the True Character of the Work--His Change of Scheme for Constructing the Canal.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 29.—Following the allegations of wrong doing on the part of Count de Lesseps, growing out of the Panama canal scandal, comes the assertion that suspicion of his entire honesty was excited as far back as 1879 in the minds of members of Congress, and, while the fact that suspicion did exist cannot be verified, some interesting information that until now did not have its significance may be obtained from a review of the history of the canal project in the Congress of the United States. On December 19, 1878, the house of representatives adopted a resolution empowering a select committee "to examine into the subject of the selection of a suitable route for the construction of an inter-oceanic ship canal across the American isthmus."

Of the eleven men who served on the committee, some are dead, while others have retired into obscurity, leaving only one remaining in Congress, Senator Frye, of Maine.

When asked to-day concerning his impression of the trustworthiness of Count de Lesseps and his associates in the matter as gained from the testimony of de Lesseps and others before the select committee, Senator Frye said his impressions of the inquiry were very distinct, but he was certain that he had no suspicion at the time that de Lesseps was not the honorable man he had always been represented to be.

"I had no suspicion that he was not entirely what he was represented to be," said the senator, "until he changed the plan of the canal to one requiring the use of locks after he had secured his subscriptions on the representation that it would be constructed in the simple plan of a sea level canal. I believe Lieutenant Kimball, of the navy, who spent some time in my mind, Count de Lesseps had been called on for a report showing progress, and Lieutenant Kimball told me that he had not represented the true condition of the work of the construction. The members of the committee were not, I am sure, suspicious of de Lesseps at the time. They were, like myself, anxious to discover the best route for a ship canal connecting the Atlantic and the Pacific oceans. The inquiry developed in my mind only one conclusion, and that was the Nicaragua canal project was the better; in fact, the only practicable one."

"Other members of the committee were impressed with the Eads ship canal plan." But whatever may have been the opinions of the individual members of the committee in reference to the respective projects considered, the inquiry resulted in nothing more than the presentation to the house of a series of resolutions reaffirming the Monroe doctrine and making no recommendation concerning the merits of this or that project. Whether this negative action was the result of doubt as to the honesty of the promoters of the Panama project has not appeared to this day and judging from Senator Frye's belief, the members of the committee were not suspicious, although it is reported that some other members of Congress were satisfied that de Lesseps purposely misled the committee.

"The Police of Paris Think the Anarchists Are Again at Work."

PARIS, Dec. 29.—An explosion this morning at half-past one o'clock in the hall leading to the suite of offices between the ground floor and the first story of the prefecture of police has caused a sensation. The authorities are not decided as to whether the explosion was the work of an anarchist, or merely an accident caused by a leakage of gas. An investigation is being held. The explosion caused no fatality, but windows were smashed and a portion of the ceiling brought down. The police are inclined to attribute the affair to anarchism, although not decided on that point. They think that the explosion has something to do with the recent extradition and approaching trial of Francois, the anarchist accused of connection with the Cafe Vey explosion.

An investigation of the premises by experts has led to the discovery that the explosion was not caused by gas. The experts declare that the affair was undoubtedly the work of Anarchists who had placed in the Outreuil a bomb heavily charged with chlorate powder. The result of the investigation has caused considerable excitement in official circles, where it is believed that the Anarchists, taking advantage of the confusion attendant upon the revelations of the Panama scandal, have started to inaugurate a reign of terror similar to that which prevailed when Ravachol and his colleagues caused the explosions here, when many of the wealthy residents of the city hastily packed their effects and took refuge in the country. The best detectives in Paris have been detailed on the case, and arrests of Anarchists, whether the real culprit or not, are certain to follow.

STEAMSHIP NEWS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Arrived—Runic, Liverpool.

HAMBURG, Dec. 29.—Arrived—Russia, New York.

GENOA, Dec. 29.—Arrived—Kaiser Wilhelm II, New York.

BOSTON, Dec. 29.—Arrived—Norwegian, Liverpool.

STUTTGART, Dec. 29.—Arrived—Gothia, New York.

WEATHER FORECAST FOR TO-DAY